(b) what are the details of bookstalls contractors (with names of stations) held by other than M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. on each Zonal Railway (division-wise) upto 31st December, 1999; and

(c) what are the details of bookstalls (with names of stations) held by unemployed graduate categories on each Zonal Railway (division-wise) upto 31st December, 1999?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (c) Zone wise bookstalls held by M/s A.H. Wheelers & Co., M/s Higginbothams Ltd., unemployed graduate categories and other philanthropic organisations are given in attached statement (*See* below). Providing information station-wise-division-wise and name-wise is not feasible.

STATEMENT

S.No.	Railways	A.H. Wheelers & Co.	Higginbothams	Unemployed Graduates	Philanthropic Religious Society
1	Central	77	0	71	14
2	Eastern	38	0	76	12
3	Northern	48	0	86	16
4	North Eastern	46	0	62	12
5	Northeast Frontier	30	0	9	2
6	Southern	0	29	72	6
7	South Eastern	21	18	55	22
8	South Central	31	0	37	11
9	Western	79	0	55	5

Engagement of contract labour in prohibited categories by CONCOR

4394. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Container Corporation of India (CONCOR) has engaged contract labour in prohibited categories of employment, contrary to Government Notification dated December 9, 1976 U/S 10 of the contract labour (R&A), Act. 1970;

(b) whether Government have received any complaint in this regard;

(c) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the reasons for not regulating the contractor workers working in prohibited categories on the roll of the principal employer (CONCOR) ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (d) The Government is not aware of any substantiated complaint in this regard. However, some parties have filed complaints in the courts alleging violation of Contract labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970. The matter is sub-judice.

Computerised Reservation System at Darjeeling

4395. SHRI DAWA LAMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government would consider providing computerised Passenger Reservation system at Darjeeling;

(b) if so, time frame thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Necessary infrastructure is ready and computerised reservation system will be commissioned shortly.

(c) Does not arise.

Two Coach Train between Allahabad and Delhi

4396. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Minister herself is trying to enforce strict austerity measures;

(b) whether it is also a fact that two senior officials, by creating a two coach train costing the Railways nearly rupees one lakh for the seven hour journey from Allahabad to Delhi, had misused their authority on Sunday, the April 2, 2000, not realizing the very fact that half a dozen regular trains ply from Allahabad to Delhi;

(c) if so, what is the correct position; and

(d) what action has been taken against the erring officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Engine No 20412 based at Ghaziabad, was required to go "light only" (without train) to the Electric Loco-shed, Ghaziabad. As the Engine